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1. SUDOMO'S INTERVIEW WITH DE TELEGRAAF FINALLY PUBLISHED IN INDONESIA IN JULY 10 ISSUE OF TEMPO MAGAZINE. ARTICLE INCLUDED SUDOMO'S STATEMENT THAT 1,944 CATEGORY A PRISONERS WILL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO TRIAL BEFORE END OF 1978 AND 29,425 CATEGORY B DETAINEES (10,974 OF THEM ON BURU ISLAND) WILL BE RELEASED BY THAT TIME. SUDOMO ALSO SAID ANY NEW PRISONERS WOULD BE DETAINED FOR ONLY 20 DAYS BY KOPKAMTIB BEFORE THEIR CASES ARE TURNED OVER TO ATTORNEY GENERAL.

2. INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO ILO MEETING IN GENEVA IN JUNE REPORTEDLY CIRCULATED COPIES OF THIS INTERVIEW TRANSLATED INTO FOUR LANGUAGES TO OTHER DELEGATES IN SUCCESSFUL MANEUVER TO AVOID ILO FORMAL DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS ISSUE IN INDONESIA. ACCORDING TO TEMPO ARTICLE, FORMER DUTCH MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS READ ARTICLE IN DE TELEGRAAF BEFORE ILO MEETING AND
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TIPPED OFF INDONESIAN DELEGATION.

3. CSIS STAFFER TOLD EMBOFF JULY 9 THAT SUDOMO'S STATEMENTS REFLECT GOI AIMS BUT DEFINITE PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN WORKED OUT. AT CLOSED CABINET MEETING PRIOR TO SUDOMO'S INTERVIEW PRESIDENT SUHARTO REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT POLITICAL PRISONERS PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED BY END OF 1978. AND SUDOMO TOOK THE CUE FROM THIS.
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